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## **MINUTES**

Name of Organization: Nevada Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)

Date and Time of Meeting: December 12, 2013  
11:00 a.m.

This meeting will be a Video Conference between the following:

Reno: Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living  
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Sparks, NV 89431  
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Las Vegas: Southern Nevada Center for Independent Living  
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Las Vegas, Nevada 89416  
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I. Welcome and Introductions  
Lisa Bonie, Chairperson

Members Present: Reggie Bennett, Lisa Bonie, Kacy Curry, Melaine Mason,  
Rade Zone

Excused Members: Lisa Ford

Guests Present: Mary Evilsizer, Southern Nevada Center for Independent Living; Anita Frantz, Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center; Shelley Hendren, State of Nevada Department of Training and Rehabilitation; Samantha King, Nevada PEP; Patti Meals, C\*A\*R\*E Chest of the Sierra Nevada; Scott Youngs, Nevada Center for Excellence in Disability

Staff Present: Vicki Kemp, John Rosenlund, Diane Scully

Ms. Bonie welcomed everyone and, a quorum being present, called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

- II. Approval of the Minutes from the May 8, 2013, June 6, 2013, October 2, 2013, November 20, 2013 and November 21, 2013 Meetings (For Possible Action)  
Lisa Bonie, Chairperson

The minutes from the May 8, 2013 and June 6, 2013 meetings were previously approved and should not have been included.

Mr. Bennett made a motion to approve the October 2, 2013 minutes as written. It was seconded by Ms. Curry. Motion carried.

Ms. Curry made a motion to approve the November 20, 2013 minutes as written. Motion seconded by Mr. Zone. Motion carried.

Mr. Bennett made a motion to approve the November 21, 2013 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. Curry. Motion carried.

- III. Public Comment (No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an action item.)

Ms. Frantz said Roger Levi, Director of the Moapa Vocational Rehabilitation Program, has been recommended to join the SILC as the representative of the directors of Native American Vocational Rehabilitation programs. Mr. Rosenlund noted that Jimmy Begay, the previous representative, had forwarded him that information and Mr. Levi has been added to the list to receive SILC agendas.

Mr. Rosenlund said the process for recruiting new members needs to be addressed and suggested prospective members attend a meeting or two before submitting their application to the Governor's office. That way, the person will be more familiar with the workings of the council, and current members can get to know the prospective as well. New applicants are appointed by the Governor with recommendation from the SILC. Revision of the bylaws regarding the new member application process will need to be added to a future agenda as an action item.

- IV. Review Lists from Members and Determine the Ten Most Important Training and Technical Assistance Needs to Submit to the Rehabilitation Services Administration (For Possible Action)  
Lisa Bonie, Chairperson

No responses were received. Ms. Mason suggested ADSD staff send a reminder to members to do this and have it returned to ADSD no later than Wednesday, December 18, 2013. Mr. Rosenlund said the email reminder will be sent after the meeting.

- V. Review Comments and Recommendations to Finalize and Vote for Submission of the 2013 Annual 704 Report **(For Possible Action)** (Please review a copy of the report before the meeting. The draft report will be available by calling Aging and Disability Services Division at: 775-687-0533 or by e-mail at [jrosenlund@adsd.nv.gov](mailto:jrosenlund@adsd.nv.gov)).

Lisa Bonie, Chairperson

John Rosenlund, SILC Staff, ADSD

Ms. Bonie was hesitant to call for a vote of approval because the Ten Most Important Training and Technical Assistance Needs were not submitted. Mr. Rosenlund said it could be done if the motion contained “with revisions.”

Mr. Bennett made a motion to accept the 704 Report with revisions based on responses of the Ten Most Important Training and Technical Assistance Needs, and the addition of the Client Survey results. The motion was seconded by Ms. Curry. The motion carried.

- VI. Discussion and Possible Recommendations Regarding Membership **(For Possible Action)**

- Recommendations for Filling Vacancies

Ms. Curry volunteered to be the SILC representative working with the Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center (Ms. Frantz) on a process to recruit new SILC members to recommend to the Governor for appointment. This will include revision of the bylaws. ADSD staff will provide support for Ms. Curry as needed. Ms. Mason said she would also be part of the team.

Ms. Mason suggested having a deadline for the group to work with to have a report back to the SILC.

Mr. Bennett said he would be available to work on this project also.

Mr. Zone made a motion to have Ms. Curry and Mr. Bennett work with Ms. Frantz on revising the bylaws on the process of recruiting new members to recommend to the Governor. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bennett. Motion carried.

- Formation of a Subcommittee to Focus on the SPIL  
Lisa Bonie, Chairperson

Ms. Mason suggested first reviewing and revising the SPIL, and maybe reducing the number of goals and objectives first and determining what the SILC really wants to accomplish. Also, it may provide time to have additional members appointed to the SILC.

Mr. Zone made a motion to postpone the formation of a subcommittee until the SPIL is reviewed and revised. The motion was seconded by Ms. Curry. Motion carried.

VII. Discussion and Possible Recommendations for a SPIL Monitoring Schedule (For Possible Action)

Lisa Bonie, Chairperson

Should the entire council or a subcommittee do the review of the current SPIL? Ms. Bonie suggested making a calendar and setting dates to stay on track. She suggested doing it as a group. Mr. Bennett suggested putting SPIL Review on future agendas to be sure it gets done. Ms. Mason suggested scheduling three meetings, each a week apart, focusing on the review so it can be completed in a timely manner. Ms. Bonie agreed with that idea. Mr. Zone asked if he could call in and was told yes. Ms. Curry asked if it could be done in two meetings of three hours each. Ms. Bonie asked to schedule three and hopefully complete it in two. Meeting dates of February 20, 2014, February 27, 2014 and March 6, 2014, each going from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., were decided upon.

Mr. Zone made a motion to schedule three meetings as stated above focusing on the SPIL Review. Motion seconded by Mr. Bennett. Motion carried.

VIII. Discussion and Possible Recommendations on a SILC Website (For Possible Action)

Lisa Bonie, Chairperson

The website is under the Department of Health and Human Services and does not cover the SILC very well. Ms. Mason suggested looking at this issue in July 2014 after the bylaws are revised.

This item was postponed for a future meeting.

IX. Discussion and Possible Recommendations on How the SILC Should Function and What Resources are Available (For Possible Action)

Lisa Bonie, Chairperson

Mr. Zone said he would like to attend the SILC Congress in San Diego, CA, January 18-21, 2014. He asked if the SILC could reimburse him for his expenses but he may attend anyway. Ms. Mason said she is working with ADSD on reviewing the budget and a decision cannot be made until after that is done. She asked Mr. Zone to propose an estimate of the costs and it will be put on a future agenda for discussion and possible action.

Ms. Curry made a motion to consider reimbursing Mr. Zone for attending the SILC Congress in San Diego in January. Mr. Zone seconded. Motion carried.

Ms. Mason explained the budget always happens before the period it's for, and business is conducted within those parameters. Plans and commitments are made in advance, but that doesn't mean they can't be changed. The SILC can make recommendations, but that doesn't mean the money can be spent that way. In the review, resources and partnerships will be looked at and the best

way to spend the money, and have ADSD carry out their mission and goals, will be determined.

Mr. Rosenlund said this is the time to review the budget and determine what can or cannot be done because the FY2016 budget is being developed now.

Ms. Kemp said many of ADSD programs have advisory councils, but the SILC is different, they tell ADSD how the funds will be used. ADSD doesn't want to go to the Legislature with something the SILC doesn't necessarily want.

Ms. Mason added it all starts with the State Plan. Mr. Rosenlund noted that is true, the State can't bend the rules and spend funds some other way. The SILC needs to know what choices they have and decide where to go in regards to spending and incorporate that into the SPIL.

Mr. Zone made a motion to have Ms. Mason represent the SILC in budget and financial matters related to the SILC, to look at funding and how it all works, where the funding is and how it's dispersed. Mr. Bennett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

X. Discussion and Possible Recommendations for Presentations at Future Meetings  
(For Possible Action)

Lisa Bonie, Chairperson

Ms. Bonie suggesting waiting on any presentations until the SPIL review is completed. This way the council can focus on what they want to do going forward and schedule presentations accordingly. This was agreed upon by the council.

XI. Report from the Aging and Disability Services Division for Independent Living Program

John Rosenlund, ADSD

Mr. Rosenlund noted the Statewide Independent Living Program is a last resort when no other resources are available, usually home and vehicle modifications.

There are 437 consumers on the wait list. There are always more new applicants than case closures. The number of closures is always less than the number of cases accepted. Eighty-two percent of consumers being served had their goals met. Most category responses fell in the "Good" to "Excellent" range. Seventy-seven percent of consumers use the service provided on a daily basis. (See Attachment A for complete survey results.)

Mr. Bennett suggested having IL program consumers come and talk to the SILC about their experiences.

Noting the training done in November by Mr. Frick, Mr. Rosenlund stated the SILC should look at what they are doing well, and what they are not doing well and work to change or improve those areas.

Mr. Rosenlund suggested the SILC reestablish what services are provided. Ms. Mason asked if there was a group that has information on what services are most needed to keep people out of care facilities. Mr. Rosenlund said he's not aware of anything like that; cases are prioritized on a case-by-case basis. Ms. Kemp said she would check with the Medicaid office to see if they have anything that may help.

The SILC needs to look over the policies and procedures to see what IL services are supported and provided. Money comes from the General Fund for direct services to support people with disabilities living in the community and where no other resources exist. The program has taken on just about any service when there is no other funding. Age is not a factor. When Medicare and Medicaid cut funding for hearing aids a lot of these requests found their way, and continue to come, to the IL program.

Should the SILC address those communication issues in another way? Does the SILC need to reestablish what services IL provides so the program can be more efficient, then establish a network of other resources for other needs?

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) and ADSD are working together to help facilitate such a resource. Ms. Mason noted there are some obstacles since VR is work related and IL is everyday living. Ms. Evilsizer said the Southern Nevada Center for Independent Living has been able to pull together some resources for a network of IL services. She will bring pocket guides to the next meeting so the SILC can see what's been done.

Ms. Mason said VR uses "Order of Selection" to prioritize cases. How is it determined who is a priority? What disabilities are more likely to land a person in an institution? Those should be taken first. The program needs to get back to the basics of what IL was supposed to accomplish. Mr. Bennett noted that as technology and diagnosis has progressed, needs have expanded and changed. For example, now an IL specialist has to work to justify the need for hearing aids.

Mr. Rosenlund said the program needs to be reviewed and guidelines set. While IL is all about consumer choice, the IL specialist has to work with the consumer and their needs, then recommend the best for each situation, all while considering available funding.

Ms. Kemp said to look at what services are covered; it's always difficult to decide who's the neediest of the needy. Ms. Meals from C\*A\*R\*E Chest noted, as an IL specialist, it's difficult to balance the needs, priority and cost involved in these cases. It would be best to set criteria, who and how many are served, to take these issues off the IL specialists. Ms. Frantz said policies would need to be

revised in order to establish eligibility. Mr. Rosenlund agreed, but said it's not really about eligibility but about resources. The IL program has two parts: (1) planning (IL goals) and (2) services (what is needed to meet the goals).

Mr. Rosenlund clarified the wait list is people who have had their plan made but are waiting for services because there is only the one funding source.

Ms. Mason said VR and ADSD are also working together on identifying what resources there are.

Mr. Bennett said he would be happy to work on any review because he sees the benefits of this program and can share a lot of success stories with VR, ADSD and the Legislature if necessary.

XII. Set Dates and Times of Meetings in 2014 (For Possible Action)  
Lisa Bonie, Chairperson

In addition to the February and March meetings determined in Item VII, the following dates were set:

May 8, 2014, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
July 10, 2014, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
September 11, 2014, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
November 13, 2014, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. (SPIL Review)

XIII. Public Comment (No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an action item.)

Ms. Hendren of the Department of Training and Rehabilitation asked if the public is invited to attend, and comment on, the SPIL Review meetings scheduled in Item VII. Ms. Bonie said yes, those meetings are subject to the Open Meeting Law.

Ms. Frantz asked if she could get a copy of the bylaws to review as noted in Item VI. Mr. Rosenlund said ADSD staff would forward them to her.

XIV. Adjournment

Mr. Bennett made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Zone.  
Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

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***Agenda Posted at the Following Locations:***

1. Aging and Disability Services Division, Carson City Office, 3416 Goni Road, Suite D-132, Carson City, NV 89706
  2. Aging and Disability Services Division, Las Vegas Office, 1860 East Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104
  3. Aging and Disability Services Division, Reno Office, 445 Apple Street, Suite 104, Reno, NV 89502
  4. Aging and Disability Services Division, Elko Office, 1010 Ruby Vista Drive, Suite 104 Elko, NV 89801
  5. Southern Nevada Center for Independent Living 6039 El Dora St. H-8, N. Las Vegas Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89146
  6. Disability Resources, 50 Greg St Suite 102, Sparks, NV 89431
  7. Nevada State Library and Archives, 100 N. Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89701
  8. Desert Regional Center, 1391 So. Jones Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89146
  9. Sierra Regional Center, 605 South 21<sup>st</sup> St., Reno, NV 89431
  10. Nevada Disability Advocacy & Law Center, 1865 Plumas St #2, Reno, NV 89509
  11. Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living, 999 Pyramid Way, Sparks, NV 89431
  12. NV Community Enrichment Programs, 2820 W. Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89146
  13. Department of Health and Human Services, 4126 Technology Way, Carson City, NV 89706
  14. Washoe ARC, 790 Sutro, Reno, NV 89512
  15. Rehabilitation Division, 1370 S. Curry St., Carson City, NV 89703
  16. Vocational Rehabilitation Job Connect, 1325 Corporate Blvd., Reno, NV 89502
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